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Econoff discussed reftel demarche with Kim Seung-tae, Deputy Director of the International Organization Division in the International Finance Bureau of the Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MoSF). Kim initially redirected our demarche to the Kyun Jong-ho, Senior Deputy Director of the Economic Organization and Environment Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT). Following some confusion over responsibility for the issue, Kim told us that the ROKG position would be decided by the ROKG's Asian Development Bank (ADB) Director, Kim Kyung-ho. He further identified Kim Jae-hoon as a staff level at the ROKG delegation to the ADB and suggested that U.S. ADB staff coordinate directly with Kim. Kim can be reached at the ADB at 63-2-632-6047 or at

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